

**MIDCOAST DISTRICT:**

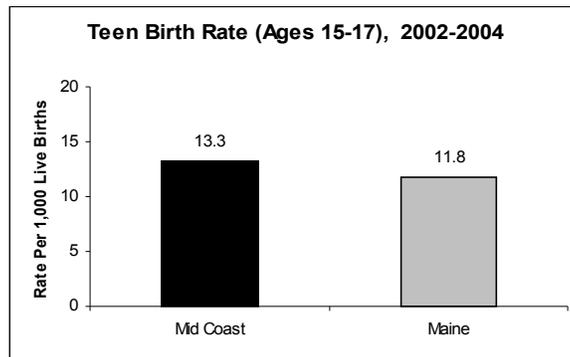
**Maternal/Child Health**

***Teen Birth Rate***

Teen pregnancy is a physical, mental, and social health concern for both teens and their newborn children. Almost 88% of teen births are unintended. Teen mothers are less likely to complete high school, more likely to live in poverty, and are typically single parents. They have higher rates of pre-term labor and frequently deliver low birth-weight babies who are at increased risk for developmental delays.

Teen pregnancy rates are much lower in Maine compared to the United States, due to effective public health interventions and Maine political will and leadership over time. Maine strives to reduce our teen birth rates even further through the provision of family planning services and support for comprehensive sexual education in schools and communities.

Contact Maine’s Teen and Young Adult Health program for more information at [www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/tya/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/tya/index.html).



Source: 2002-2004 Maine Vital Records Data

	<b>Midcoast District Number</b>	<b>Midcoast District Rate</b> (± Margin of Error)	<b>Maine State Rate</b> (± Margin of Error)
Teen Births; (Ages 15-17)	41 (avg. per yr.)	13.3 (±2.3) (Per 1,000 female population)	11.8 (±0.7) (Per 1,000 female population)

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